Schemes for SSIs

1794. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the important promotional schemes undertaken by Government to encourage small scale industries in the country;

(b) whether Government would continue the schemes announced by the previous Government or else new schemes with a fresh concept would be introduced to address the problems faced by SSIs; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to modify the RBI guidelines by making One Time Settlement (OTS) between loss making industries and the Banks?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD) : (a) The primary responsibility for the promotion of small scale industries (SSIs) vests in the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government also implements a number of promotional schemes/programmes to supplement their efforts. These include Credit Guarantte Fund Scheme, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation, Scheme for re-imbursement of the cost of obtaining ISO-9000/14001 Certification, Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Marketing Development Assistance Scheme, etc.

(b) Many of the Schemes/Programmes enumerated in reply to part (a) of the question have been continuing for a long time and include those announced by the previous Government.

(c) Following the Policy Package for stepping up credit to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) tabled by the Government in the Parliament in August 2005, the RBI has issued guidelines on 3 September 2005 for One-Time Settlement of loans by SMEs.

Manned Space Mission by ISRO

1795. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ISRO studying needs for a manned space mission and providing him the habitation and environment to stay there;